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THE NEW MILITARY BILL.

A Bill to authorize the consolidation of Companies, Battalions and Regiments.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That whenever any companies now in the service, shall be so reduced in number less than thirty-two men rank and file, present and fit for duty, and when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, or of the General commanding the department, or the secretary in which said companies may be serving, that they cannot be recruited within a reasonable time, the General commanding said department or arm, under general regulations to be issued by the Secretary of War, may consolidate such companies.

Sec. 2. That new companies may be organized from the non-commissioned officers and privates of the companies thus consolidated, if they are from the same State, having the number, rank and file, now fixed by law, and the commissioned officers of the companies thus organized shall be one captain, one first and second lieutenant, and the non-commissioned officers, four sergeants and five corporals.

Sec. 3. That companies, whether from the same State, may be organized into battalions and regiments, and officers of said companies, battalions and regiments shall be immediately designated and placed of duty according to the general commanding the department or the army in which the companies before consolidated may have been serving. Officers thus designated shall continue to serve until officers shall be appointed by the President, he and with the consent and advice of the Senate, and all elections of officers made by the General in command and new organizations, or appointments by the President, the said companies, battalions and regiments shall be from the commanding officers of the companies, battalions and regiments with which the new organizations were formed, or from such non-commissioned officers or privates thereof as may have been detailed to formations of battalions, column or regiments, skill, and the certificates of the colonel commanding the battalion or regiment in which said non-commissioned officers or privates may have served, that they have been so distinguished, if approved by the brigadier and division commanders, shall be sufficient proof.

Sec. 4. Persons of war may, within sixty days after their exchange, assist themselves of the provisions of the ninth section of this act, and thereafter when commissioned officers of companies, battalions, or regiments may be required by the enemy, the general commanding the army or department to which they belong may designate, or the President may appoint other officers to fill their places, as provided in the act, as well as temporary, full and permanent, to be held only until the return of said officers occupied.

Sec. 5. When regiments, battalions or companies shall have been organized, under the provisions of this act, no subsequent consolidation of the same shall be made, unless necessary in the opinion of the General commanding.

HICKS

Recent events justify the belief that many thousand muskets, the backs of Indian bows will hereafter be committed yearly in this country in connection with the manufacture of paper.

The editors of the daily journals of the country have secured the control of a new discovery, so far as the same applicable to the manufacture of printing-paper, and they respectfully invite proposals from every town, country and State in the United States, for supplying clear, sound, and well-dried corn bushes, as the same are stripped from the ripen trees; these bushes to be baled in even hundreds of pounds, and delivered at the railroad stations. Address D. H. Craig, General Agent of the Associated Press, New York City.

CONCERNING THE FEU.—Dr. G. Dupre has originated a specific for the cure of itch, which, because of its value in curing the disease, we take pleasure in furnishing our readers, that those so afflicted may be benefited by its use.

Three days' use is sufficient for a radical cure.

R.—Calomel, 60 grs.

Poly. Camphor, 20 grs.

Lard, 1 oz.—Mix well.

Directions—Wash the parts off and thoroughly with strong soap-wash once a day. Then rub the ointment well into the diseased parts twice daily. We take much pleasure in giving currency and sanction to this prescription, for the reason that we have positive assurance that it is curative.

Sec. 6. That the offices of Adjutant and Ensign of battalions and regiments are hereby abolished, and hereafter the officers commanding a battalion or regiment may assign any subaltern of the line belonging to command to serve as Adjutant; and said subaltern, whilst so acting, shall receive in addition to

his pay an allowance, thirty dollars per month; and the officer commanding shall also assign, to act as color bearer, a non-commissioned officer or private from his command who may be distinguished for merititons or military conduct, or for valor or skill, and said non-commissioned officer or private, while so acting, shall receive the pay of a First Lieutenant.

CRITICISM.

A brave and chivalrous spirit has taken its immortal flight; the beating of a noble heart has been stilled forever by the unerring marks of death, and the innumerable duty devolved on me to pay the last and saddest tribute of friendship to the memory of H. P. Barron, (of Co. F, 11th Miss. Reg't) a failed comrade, who offered up his life willingly upon the altar of liberty. He fell full harness'd in the field, where the brave live to die, discharging his duty faithfully, regardless of the danger with which surrounded him. On the 3d of Jan. he was mortally wounded, and expired in a few hours; and thus passed away a gallant soldier, whose chivalry ever shone upon the field a noble example for the emulation of his comrades. When we speak of courage it is no idle compliment, no hollow eulogy, but the unanimous testimony of all who knew him. His fatal grave is but the rude mound, near the 1st where the young hero fell. But he needs no "stair'd urn or sculptured marble" to perpetuate his memory, for a grateful country will ever hold in sacred remembrance the names of her noble dead. Peace to his ashes, and may his death be but the transition to the earth's resounding battlefields to the immortallities of Heaven. W. R.

IMPORTANT PETITION.

The following extraordinary paper exhibits itself Mr. Edwards was granted a leave of absence unanimously:

Gratification of the House of Representatives

wonderful interposition of Providence for the escape of your Door Keeper. He struck a floating plank and went ashore in safety.

Now has your Door Keeper, Evel ex-
travagantly or luxuriously. Before the flood came, whose history is here recited, he had another dream. He imagined that he was a *node*, (you know gentlemen that this was a scatty trick of his imagination,) he began to kick, he does not think he brayed, otherwise his bedfellow, the Honorable member from — would have been aroused, however, much he may now be accustomed to such sounds; but in the midst of this marvelous dream, he kicked like unto "any other—mule." He was awakened by the groans and yells and imprecations of his bedfellow aforesaid whom he found lying in the middle of the floor almost kicked to death.

Your petitioner humbly apologized as the Honorable member from — will attest. At breakfast next morning, an Ethiopian waiter, at mine Hotel, whispered to me "not to eat too much of that ar beef, as it war steaks chipped from the hind quarter of an ole steer!!" I had devoured a pound of it the night before.

For the kindness of that sable son of Africa, I am opposed to the conscription of his race.

For all these considerations, the state of my finances, the exhaustion of mine hosts latter, the assurance that I can bring supplies from my home, your petitioner would respectfully ask for leave of absence until Monday next.

GEO. W. EDWARDS.

A CARD.

Annexed is the obligation which all parties sign, who sell or have sold cotton to the Government;

"The undersigned having sold to the Confederate States of America, and received the value of the same in bond or money, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, — bales cotton, marked, numbered and classed as in the margin, which is now deposited at —, hereby agrees to take *due care* of said cotton whilst on his plantation, and to deliver the same, at his own expense, at —."

From the above it will be seen that

the seller binds himself to take due care of his cotton whilst on his plantation, and I am advised that the Secretary of the Treasury will hold all delinquents responsible who fail to keep their cotton well stored and protected from damage and waste. It is not my duty as Produce Loan Agent to take charge of all Government cotton and keep it stored myself. When a planter refuses to take due care of his cotton I will bargain to have it done for the Government, and the Government will hold the seller responsible for the damage. I am the Agent on — for cotton by Capt. John Scott, Government Agent.

A. P. BUSH,
Special Agent Produce Loan.
Feb. 8 1865. 4w

\$50 Reward.

TOLEN from my stable, near Mashulaville, Noxubee Co., Miss., on Tuesday night, 14th instant a red sorrel horse, between three and four years old, has a white spot on his forehead, paces slow, and is very gentle. A reward of fifty dollars will be paid for any information so that I get him.

J. J. HIGGINS.
Feb. 22, 1865. 3
Clarion copy three times and send bill to Beacon office.

TANNIN.

ETHEROW & McMORRIES
will tan hides on slaves after the
first day of January, 1865, at their old
stand near Mashulaville.

Dec. 14, 1864. Jyr.

CAMP DAVIS BRIGADE, /
February 13th, 1865. /

At a meeting held in Davis' (Mississippi) Brigade, near Petersburg, Va., 11th February, 1865, on motion of Col. R. O. Reynolds, private W. C. McDougal, 26th Miss., was called to the Chair, and Lieut. M. D. McNeely, 42d Miss. Reg't, was appointed Secretary. The Chairman then explained the object of the meeting, which was to elicit the sentiments of the Brigade in reference to the propriety and necessity of arming the negro. The meeting was then ably addressed in brief and very appropriate remarks by private William Price, 11th Miss. Reg't, Col. A. M. Nelson, 42d Miss. Reg't, Col. Reuben O. Reynolds, 11th Miss. Reg't, Col. L. Q. C. Lamar of Miss., Brig. Gen. Jos. R. Davis, Lieut. Col. J. A. Blair, 2d Miss. Reg't, private James Wightman, 11th Miss. Reg't, Lieut. C. C. Davis, 2d Miss. Reg't. Much applause was elicited by the eloquence and sound reasoning of the several speakers.

The following preamble and resolutions were then offered by private William Price, 11th Miss., and adopted with almost the entire concurrence of the Brigade:

Whereas the enemy in his efforts to subjugate these Confederate States, is resorting to every expedient to effect the consummation of the same, he has stolen our negroes, and placed them in his armies, he has recruited his wasted legions from the pauper and prison houses of Europe, and is now threatening us with a draft of three hundred thousand men, and we the soldiers of this Brigade, fully appreciating the great issue at stake upon the result of which depends the destiny of our people, and everything which freemen hold dear and sacred, believe the time has come when the war material of our country regardless of color should be fully developed.

Therefore, be it resolved,

1st. That we are in favor of the introduction of the negro into the military service of the country, upon such conditions as Congress and the wisdom of our rulers may see fit to determine.

2d. That we most earnestly invite the attention of Congress to the necessity of immediate action to secure this end, assuring them that it will create no dissatisfaction in our ranks; but will be hailed as an evidence, that everything will be subordinated to the interest of the cause, and as the harbinger of speedy success in the struggle in which we are engaged.

3d. That if Congress in its wisdom should deem it inexpedient, to pass a law bringing negro troops into the service, we respectfully request the Legislature of our State to raise, arm and equip one or more negro Brigades, and place them in active service.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the members of Congress from our State, and to Gov. Clark, with the request that they be presented by him to the Legislature at its next session.

Resolved further,

That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Richmond Enquirer and Press of Mississippi for publication.

W. C. McDUGAL,
Chairman,
M. D. McNEELY, Secretary.